



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1070 **Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on June 26, 2002*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1070 would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with nonfederal sponsors, to carry out projects aimed at cleaning up certain areas of the Great Lakes where contamination has settled into sediments at the bottom of the lakes. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$250 million over the 2003-2007 period to EPA for that purpose. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million over the five-year period for EPA to conduct research on the development and use of innovative methods for cleaning up the Great Lakes.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$223 million over the 2003-2007 period. Enacting H.R. 1070 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1070 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This bill would benefit Great Lakes states by authorizing the appropriation of \$250 million over the next five years for grants to conduct projects that lead to remediation of sediment contamination in areas in the Great Lakes.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$223 million over the 2003-2007 period, assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized for each year. Those estimated outlays are based on historical patterns for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1070 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
EPA Funding for Clean-up Projects					
Authorization Level	50	50	50	50	50
Estimated Outlays	25	40	48	50	50
Research and Development					
Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	2	2	2	2	2
Total Proposed Changes					
Authorization Level	52	52	52	52	52
Estimated Outlays	27	42	50	52	52

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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